

**FPA System**  
**Frequently Asked Questions**  
 Compilation of Questions from Geographic Area Briefings

NO.	FPA SUBJECT AREA	ANSWER BY	QUESTION / COMMENT ANSWERS
1.	System	ICG	Is this application web-based? Server? PC? <b>Application is web-based with access via internet connection and Internet Explorer browser.</b>
2.	System	Core	Can data be passworded so information is not available to anyone? <b>Access to the system will be user name and password controlled.</b> <b>The results of each analysis are stored in a national database. System users will have their access defined (read only, edit, administrator). Read access will allow access to all of the analyses in the database.</b>
3.	System	Core	Will analysis be done at field level (FMO) on PC workstations? <b>FPA-PM is a web-based application. The historic analysis will be performed using an updated version of PCHA, and this will be run on a local workstation.</b> Who will be the “fire planner” who actually performs the analysis for a given FPU? <b>Each fire planning unit will have an FPU team, a group of people with the skills needed to develop data and perform the analysis. The team will define a lead planner, probably the person that will do the actual button pushing, but all of the team members could have access to the system and the data. The system design is flexible enough to accommodate the local FPU needs for access.</b>
4.	System	Core	The BIA does not have Internet, we rely on zone dispatch/and USFS to input/update data in ROSS. For the BIA real risk here is shorting the BIA on resources due to errors in ROSS. Usually the BIA has more resources than are listed in ROSS. <b>If there are known deficiencies in your input data it would be to your advantage to correct that data.</b> Really need help on getting good Internet access for BIA fire dispatchers. <b>This is an agency specific question.</b>

5.	System	Core	<p>What is the core team's appraisal of airport security?</p> <p><b>We are presuming this was meant to be a humorous question, since the FPA presenters seem to have an opinion on just about everything.</b></p> <p>So inputs will go via Internet to FPA servers, where calculations will occur, results back to planner via Internet?</p> <p><b>That is correct. The analysis inputs and outputs are stored in a national database.</b></p>
6.	System	Core	<p>What would help us in the BIA is access to the Internet.</p> <p>Scott answered: this is beyond the scope of FPA – a judge needs to rule.</p> <p><b>FPA-PM is an analysis tool. It can not change the law, change federal fire policy, or force the FPU partners to make specific expenditures.</b></p>